

Plan Commission Unofficial Report  
for March 9, 2009

Richard Hawksworth joined the Plan Commission as the newest member, replacing John Norris whose term was up.

Since this was the first meeting of the year, the organizational details were taken care of including Tom Cornwell being re-elected as Chair, meetings will continue to be held as needed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 7:30pm and the Chesterton Tribune will continue to be used for any public notices.

The Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) replacement for John Norris is Jane Dickey, who will be serving along with Bob Hartmann, Henry Studebaker and Nancy Wilhelm. The BZA meets on an as-needed basis.

Preliminary plans were discussed for new home construction on 12 Ridge Dr. The existing driveway imprint will be retained. The primary focus is to have minimal dune destruction or even disturbance. Few trees will need to be cut down. A 3,600 sq. ft. log cabin kit will be used for the house. A lap pool is planned. Additional details will be provided per the Plan Commission's checklist, including staging plans.

Builder Dave Rearick reported that the house addition at 9 Beach Dr is proceeding well. He also presented some relatively minor changes to the Commission. No significant structural changes were made. The changes were approved but the Commission asked for a set of updated plans that "shows what we have."

Mike Harris presented preliminary plans for the proposed 5 acre, 4-lot subdivision that will be located between 7 Summit and 23 Summit Dr. Davies Rensberger Surveying has done the preliminary engineering. The general discussion involved handling the rainwater runoff from Summit, utility feeds, septic fields, possible driveway accesses from Summit, preserving the structural integrity of Summit Dr and parkland. The proposed lots will be from roughly 0.5 acre to 1.7 acres. The time frame is loose -- Mr. Harris is in no great rush to start the actual development but he wants to keep the process at least moving along. In the meantime, both Mr. Harris and the Plan Commission will review the Town ordinances relative to subdivisions. An Excavation Permit has been granted to Mr. Harris for the fill that has been and in the future might be dumped on his property.

Bob Evans  
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